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SUBJECT: USAID/OFDA Southern Somalia Humanitarian Update

Summary

11. Somalia is experiencing the worst drought in a decade, compounded

Malnutrition Rising

While food insecurity is chronic throughout southern Somalia, malnutr
In Gedo Region, the USAID-supported Food Security Analysis Unit (FSAU
In Bay Region, Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) Switzerland conducted a
In Bakool Region, FSAU, Action Contre la Faim (ACF), and the U.N. Chi
Between January and March, however, USAID/OFDA partners report that a
In Juba Valley Region, FSAU sentinel site surveillance reveals that a
In response to increasing reports of malnutrition in southern Somalia

Drought Affecting Health

Malnourished and drought-weakened communities are increasingly suscep
Polio resurfaced in Somalia for the first time since 2002. WHO confi
WHO also reported an increase in measles cases treated at health faci

Water Remains Scarce

Access to safe water is a cross-cutting issue, affecting livelihoods,
From April 15 to 20, USAID/OFDA partner Adventist Development and Rel
U.N. agencies, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), a

USAID/OFDA has partnered with UNICEF to carry out emergency water and
Depleted Livestock, Agriculture, and Livelihoods

Limited access to potable water remains critical and household food security
USAID/OFDA partners note that cattle deaths were above normal levels
To mitigate the effects of high livestock mortality and low prices, donors
USAID/OFDA partner World Concern, operational in Juba riverine areas,
To help prepare farmers for the current planting season, World Vision
Rains Begin

The long rains arrived in full force in April in parts southern and northern
FEWS NET reports that rainfall was 60 to 100 percent above normal but
Localized flash floods occurred along the Juba and Shabelle rivers as
USAID/OFDA partners report that scattered rains are replenishing water
According to World Vision, in the agricultural districts of Tioglow,
Conclusions and Recommendations

Although the long rainy season is generally off to a good start, it is
The humanitarian situation and response in southern Somalia requires
If the long rains are below normal, increased numbers of vulnerable people
Food assistance will be vital throughout the year to prevent a further
Aside from food assistance, USAID/OFDA, through partner UNICEF, is addressing
In addition to support for water, health, and nutrition, livelihood security
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